

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the County Executive's recommended CIP, especially his proposal for \$1 million in the upcoming FY25 and \$2.5 million in FY26 for the long-expected relocation of the MCPS bus depot located on Crabbs Branch Way.

My husband and I built and bought into this neighborhood (Westside at Shady Grove) 4 years ago with a promise of a new elementary school, large park, and much more where the bus depot is still sitting. We were excited to lay down roots here and start our little family in this new neighborhood. I urge the Council to support this recommendation to advance its own approved plan for the Shady Grove Sector.

Moreover, I'll remind the Council that 800+ individuals have signed our community's MoveOn petition urging them, along with the County Executive and MCPS, to get the plan finally done:  
<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/derwood-deserves-betternow>

Your support of the County Executive's recommended CIP is therefore essential, as is the County Executive's continued commitment to completing this project in cooperation with MCPS.

Thank you!

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